

with these professions are the epitaphs on Egyptian graves, which reveal, if not the moral practice, at least the moral ideals of those who slept beneath them. Thus, for example, a man says in his epitaph: " I gave bread to the hungry and clothes to the naked, and ferried across in my own boat him who could not pass the water. I was a father to the orphan, a husband to the widow, a shelter from the wind to them that were cold, I am one that spake good and told good. I earned my substance in righteousness."<sup>1</sup> T<sup>as</sup>L who had done thus in their mortal life and had been acquitted at the Great Vssize, were believed to dwell thenceforth at ease in a land where the corn grew higher than on earth, where harvests never failed, where trees were always green, and wives for ever young and fair.<sup>2</sup>

The fate of We are not clearly informed as to the fate which the wicked Egyptian<sup>tjans</sup> supposed to befall the wicked after death. In the scenes which represent the Last Judgment there is seen crouching beside the scales, in which the heart of the dead is being weighed, a monstrous animal known as the " Eater of the Dead." It has the head of a crocodile, the trunk of a lion, and the hinder parts of a hippopotamus. Some think that the souls of those whose hearts had been weighed in the balance and found wanting were delivered over to this grim monster to be devoured ; but this view appears to be conjectural " Generally the animal seems to have been placed there simply as guardian of the entrance to the Fields of the Blessed, but sometimes it is likened to Set. Elsewhere it is said that the judges of the dead slay

the wicked and drink their blood. In brief, here also we have conflicting statements, and can only gather that there seems to have been no general agreement among the dwellers in the Valley of the Nile as to the ultimate lot of the wicked." <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A. Erman, *Die agyptische Religion\** A. Wallis Budge, *Osiris and the, Egyptian Resurrection* i. 97 *sy. 9 loo* Religion *der alien Agypter*, pp. 134 *sqq.*; E. Lefebure, "Lc Farad is *sqq.*; *id.*, *Religion of the Ancient figyptien*," *Sphinx* i. iii. (Upsala, 1900) *Egyptians*, p. 253. pp. 191 *sqq.*  
<sup>\*</sup> A. Wiedemann, *Religion of the* <sup>3</sup> A. Wiedemann, *Religion of the Ancient Egyptians*, p. 254; E. A. *Ancient Egyptians*, p. 249. Compare Wallis Budge, *Osiris and the Egyptian agyptischc Religion\** A. Erman, *Die agyptischc Religion\** *Resurrection*, i. 305 *sqq.*; G. Maspero, pp. 117, 121; E. A. Wallis Budge, *op. cit.* i. 194 *sq.*; A. Erman, *Die Osiris and the Egyptian Resurrection* <sup>^</sup> *agyptische Religion\** pp. *izi.syp.*; 33. 1,317,328.